

Medicaid Certification Hints

Medicaid certification entered into eWiSACWIS takes approximately 2 days from the time it is ready to be sent to MMIS until the eligibility updates. Once MMIS receives the eWiSACWIS records, they go through a series of checks. Eligibility may not update right away for various reasons. Some of the records may have errors and fail for EDS staff review. Consequently, the child's MA eligibility update may be delayed one to two days. Below are some hints to help your transaction through the system.

- Medicaid Certification, Renewal and Cancellation process is automated based on the entry of Out of Home Placement data.
 - A new MA Certification will be generated on the entry of a new removal placement.
 - A nightly process will check for any child who has not been discharged from placement with active MA expiring in the next 5 days and automatically send the renewal certification.
 - Upon discharge from Out of Home Care a cancellation certification will be sent with an end date 3 months out.
 - An update certification will be sent any time the child's address changes.
- Replacement cards are requested through eWiSACWIS or by calling the MA Hotline (800.362.3002). Please do not use a 3070.
- MMIS will not accept invalid characters such as apostrophe's ('), commas (,), periods (.), asterisks (*) and parenthesis [()]. It will allow ampersand (&), slash (/) pound sign (#), dash (-) and in care of (%). If invalid characters are used it will result in an edit failure.
- If the child is enrolled in a Medicaid HMO, for any of the eligibility dates sent through eWiSACWIS, the record will fail for review by EDS staff. EDS determines the appropriate disenrollment date of the child from the HMO.
- When entering a 'Certification To' date, it is advised to enter the date as far in the future as possible, perhaps, a year. The reason for this is that the child may have eligibility already on file through a different certifying agency and if the existing end date on the child's file is greater than the eWiSACWIS end date, the other certifying agency's eligibility will remain beyond the eWiSACWIS certification.
- The Med Stat Code is determined based on the child's placement phase (prior to TPR, post TPR, adoptive, or subsidized guardianship) and IV-E Eligibility status. When a IV-E eligibility record (Title IV-E Eligibility, Adoption Funding Determination, or Subsidized Guardianship Funding Determination) is updated, the associated Medicaid Certifications are updated with the Med Stat Code. These updates can be viewed on the Medicaid Updates page.
- When documenting a Medicaid Certification record and the Med Stat Code = KC or KG (for Subsidized Guardianship), the Certification To field will automatically pre-fill with the date that is the end of the child's 21st birthday month (e.g. if child's DOB is 05/17/2001 the Certification To field will automatically pre-fill to 05/31/2022).
- When documenting a Medicaid Certification record, if the Agency = 'a DCF type' (e.g. DCF Adoption Assistance) AND the Med Stat Code = 56, the Certification To field will automatically pre-fill with the date that is the end of the child's 21st birthday month (e.g. if child's DOB is 05/17/2001 the Certification To field will automatically pre-fill to 05/31/2022).

- If the child loses IV-E eligibility and consequently Medicaid (or to otherwise end Medicaid), you will send a Cancel certification to end the eligibility. All eligibility beyond the cancel date will be removed. Also, health care providers verifying eligibility will only be given information through the current benefit month and no future dates. So, there is no adverse affect of entering a year's worth of eligibility through eWiSACWIS.